

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 (currently amended). A pocketsize paper money bank device comprising:

a thin rectangular-shaped container having top, bottom, back and end walls, and also having an open front;

a door being hingedly attached to said thin rectangular-shaped container and being closable and lockable over said open front of said thin rectangular-shaped container; and

a bill feeder assembly being disposed in said thin rectangular-shaped container to facilitate the insertion of paper money into said thin rectangular-shaped container.

2 (original). The pocketsize paper money bank device as described in claim 1, wherein said thin rectangular-shaped container also includes a bill-receiving slot being disposed through one of said end walls and being adapted for receiving paper money therethrough.

3 (original). The pocketsize paper money bank device as described in claim 2, wherein said door includes a main wall, and also includes side and end perimeter walls being angled relative to said main wall, and further includes a tab being attached to one of said side perimeter walls and having a key slot being disposed therethrough for receiving a key to lock and unlock said door to said thin rectangular-shaped container, and also include eyelets being attached to said end perimeter walls for hingedly attaching said door to said thin rectangular-shaped container.

4 (original). The pocketsize paper money bank device as described in claim 3, wherein said tab is removably disposed upon said top wall of said thin rectangular-shaped container for locking said door to said thin rectangular-shaped container.

5 (original). The pocketsize paper money bank device as described in claim 4, wherein said bill feeder assembly includes bracket members being attached to an inner side of said one of said end walls adjacent to said bill-receiving slot of said thin rectangular-shaped container, and also includes an elongate roller having an axle which is journaled in said bracket members, and further includes a spring being engaged to said elongate roller for rotating said elongate roller to facilitate the insertion of paper money into said thin rectangular-shaped container.

6 (original). The pocketsize paper money bank device as described in claim 5, wherein said spring has an end portion which is fastened to the inner side of said one of said end walls of said thin rectangular-shaped container, and also has a hook-shaped portion which is angled relative to said end portion and which is engaged about a portion of said axle of said elongate roller.